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1. AS STATED IN REFTEL A ISVS SYG ZOLLNER HAS AGREED TO ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF ISVS WORKING GROUP (WG) FEB 12 AND SUBSTANTIVE MEETING LATE MARCH BY WHICH TIME HE PROMISED DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE READY AND DISTRIBUTED. REQUEST YOU INFORM WG CHAIRMAN OLIVIERI ASAP.

2. WHILE NOTHING BEYOND MARCH MEETING AGREED, DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL SESSION WAS RAISED. ZOLLNER SAID IT WOULD NORMALLY BE IN OCTOBER, BUT HE ADMITTED THAT SPECIAL SESSION COULD BE CALLED AT ANY TIME.

AT FEB 12 MEETING YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL BE CALLED IN MAY IN ORDER DECIDE ON FINDINGS OF WG PRIOR TO JUNE SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

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ALSO, SUGGEST THAT COUNCIL SESSION MAY BE IMMEDIATELY

PRECEDED BY FINAL SESSION OF WG IF NECESSARY - THOUGHT
HERE IS THAT FIRST SESSION OF WG MAY WISH DRAFT
TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AND UNDP COMMITTEE, WITH SECOND AND FINAL SESSION TO
CONSIDER FEEDBACK FROM GOVERNMENTS AND UNDP COMMITTEE AND

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS FOR COUNCIL.

3. WE BELIEVE WG RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY ISVS
COUNCIL WOULD CARRY MORE WEIGHT IN UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL,
AND THUS WOULD HELP CASE FOR UNV TAKING ON ISVS FUNCTIONS.
WHILE WE REALIZE THERE MAY BE SOME OBJECTION TO HAVING
ISVS APPROVE MERGER PLANS WITHOUT ASSURANCES OF WHAT UNDP
WILL DO, COUNCIL COULD TAKE PRECAUTION OF MAKING APPROVAL
CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTANCE BY UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

4. DEPT AND PC WOULD HOPE SEND DELEGATES FROM WASHINGTON
FOR SUBSTANTIVE WG SESSIONS.

5. WHILE WE WOULD NOT EXPECT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AT
FEB 12 MEETING, MISSION MAY HAVE TO COUNTER LOBBYING
EFFORTS OF ZOLLNER TO ADVANCE HIS IDEA OF "CENTER" IN-
FORMALLY LINKED TO UNDP (PARA 6 REFTEL A). YOU SHOULD
STRESS WE REMAIN OPEN TO IDEAS ON HOW UNV MANDATE MAY BE
EXPANDED TO ACCOMMODATE ISVS FUNCTIONS. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE IT UNWISE, IMPRACTICAL AND UNNECESSARY TO TRY
CHANGE PRESENT ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP OF UNV TO
UNDP. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME GIVE IN PRESENT
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF UNV, ZOLLNER'S GRANDIOSE
IDEA WOULD CLEARLY CAUSE WHOLE IDEA OF MERGER TO FOUNDER -
IN FACT, ZOLLNER MAY PURSUE THIS LINE FOR THIS VERY
REASON. MISSION SHOULD TRY GET SUPPORT FROM OTHER
FRIENDLY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BLUNT THRUST OF ZOLLNER'S
SCHEME.

IN THIS EFFORT YOU SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE
WE ATTACH TO PRESERVING ISVS FUNCTIONS, AND THAT WE HAVE
STRESSED THIS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LINDSTROM AND UNV
OFFICIALS. NEW UNV COORDINATOR GORDON HAS IDEAS ON
THIS QUESTION AND WE ARE HOPEFUL HE WILL BE POSITIVE
FORCE IN SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS. KISSINGER
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